

## Teen Driver Task Force Meeting – Meeting Minutes

8/2/18

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Public Safety Building – DMV

OHS Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dover, DE

### Attendees:

Sarah Cattie, Office of Highway Safety

Michael Wagner, DOE – Driver Education

Pete Booker, SmartDrive Foundation

Amy Anthony, Department of Motor Vehicles

Sarah Cattie updated the group about the meeting that several Task Force members had with the Insurance Commissioner. A request was made to the Commissioner to ask for his support in making a change to the Delaware code to incorporate an incentive in the form of an insurance discount for parents to complete the GDL POP program and turn the driving log in to their insurance agent. The Commissioner was very receptive and will work with OHS/DSHS and the Task Force to craft the appropriate language to make the change. The Commissioner's office will assist in finding a sponsor for the legislation. Michael mentioned the possibility of creating an app (or letting an insurance company create one) to use for this process to make it even more streamlined.

Sarah is also working on the GDL POP updated program. Understanding the Articulate program is proving a little more cumbersome than initially expected. Michael commented that if the program can be completed by mid-September, that would be fine.

She also mentioned the Calendar of Events that was proposed at the last meeting. She has created a draft and will update it with some additional events and send it out with the meeting minutes.

National Teen Driver Safety Week for 2018 is October 21 – 27. The program and materials provided by Alliance were well received last year. Sarah will plan on scheduling a call with Alliance and Michael to discuss what we should expect for this year.

### **Individual Member Updates:**

*Pete Booker* – SmartDrive has recertified with the DMV for a 3 year period as a provider of a state-certified defensive driving course. They were also able to successfully apply for grant-in-aid from the legislature and will receive \$5,000. In addition, they have applied to be a recipient of the Flower Market Foundation and have been approved. Pete has taken on the position of District Governor for the Delaware Rotary. He's hoping to foster more interaction with student clubs that are sponsored by the Rotary. SmartDrive has relocated offices to share space with the Delaware Safety Council. They look forward to some joint projects in the future.

*Michael Wagner* – DDSEA is still working on getting sponsors for the 2018-2019 school year Driver's Education Driving Competition. He will also give to the teachers a "best practices" list of resources to use. Next week, teachers will participate in the Current Issues class and receive behind the wheel and DITEP training.

*Amy Anthony* – DMV is currently working on updates to the teen driver portion of their website.

The next Teen Driver Task Force Meeting will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am in the OHS Conference Room. An invitation will follow via Outlook.